

COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield25X1 EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg-Briest airfield between 27 April and 10 May 1953:
- 27 April: No air activity was observed until 8 p.m. There was a strong wind.
- 28 April: Between 8:10 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was air activity by MiG-15s, some of which circled over Brandenburg. Before flying was started, 6 MiG-15 and type-29 planes were observed at the runway and 16 planes of the same type in front of the flight control station.
- 30 April: There was no air activity up to 8 p.m. Work was in progress on the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments.
- 2 May: Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., no air activity was observed. Work on the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments continued.
- 6 May: MiG-15s made flights of 10 to 15 minutes.
- 7 May: Individual swept-back jet fighters practiced take-offs and landings.
- 9 May: Upon an alert, two MiG-15s took off between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- 10 May: At 9 a.m., 5 MiG-15s from another airfield landed and were refueled. Two pilots drove to the Landesanstalt and after their return took off at 9:50 a.m.¹

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2. At 10 p.m. on 1 May, 350 to 400 officers and soldiers filed up for a rally in the Landesanstalt. On 9 May, Soviet dependents with baggage were observed in front of the Landesanstalt.

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3. At 7 a.m. on 9 May, a train with 3 boxcars and 16 flatcars from Mahlwinkel arrived at Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and was forwarded to Brandenburg-Briest airfield at 9 a.m. The train carried about 90 air force men, 3 trucks 2 tank trucks 2 truck trailers, 2 tank trailers, 5 ploughs, 8 caterpillar tractors, 2 rollers and 2 house trailers.
4. On 9 May, a train with 3 boxcars and 16 flatcars carrying troops, construction equipment, ploughs and rollers for Brandenburg-Briest airfield arrived at Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station.²

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1. Comment. Brandenburg-Briest airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment which is equipped with 22 to 25 MiG-15s.

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2. Comment. According to available information, the motor vehicle belong to a Soviet construction unit whose headquarters is stationed in Leipzig. A

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report on Muhlwinkel airfield indicated that a construction detail arrived there in mid-April. It appears that this construction detail with the construction equipment still stored in Muhlwinkel moved to Brandenburg-Briest. No details are available on the contract for construction work at Brandenburg-Briest airfield.

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